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## Viewing cable 08ASHGABAT1399, EXPAT SOURCES SAY THAT ITERA GAVE TURKMENISTAN A

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### Understanding cables

Every cable message consists of three parts:

- The top box shows each cable's unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
- The bottom box presents the body of the cable. The opening can contain a more specific subject, references to other cables ([browse by origin](#) to find them) or additional comment. This is followed by the main contents of the cable: a summary, a collection of specific topics and a comment section.

To understand the justification used for the classification of each cable, please use this [WikiSource](#) article as reference.

### Discussing cables

If you find meaningful or important information in a cable, please link directly to its unique reference number. Linking to a specific paragraph in the body of a cable is also possible by copying the appropriate link (to be found at the paragraph symbol). Please mark messages for social networking services like Twitter with the hash tags **#cablegate** and a hash containing the reference ID e.g. **#08ASHGABAT1399**.

Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
08ASHGABAT1399	2008-10-23 13:28	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy Ashgabat

Appears in these articles:

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RUEHBJ/AMEMBASSY BEIJING 2246
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EO 12958 DECL: 10/22/2018
TAGS PREL, PINR, EPET, EINV, ETRD, EWWT, SCUL, RS, TX
SUBJECT: EXPAT SOURCES SAY THAT ITERA GAVE TURKMENISTAN A
YACHT WORTH 60 MILLION EURO
REF: 07 ASHGABAT 968
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Classified By: Charge d'Affaires a.i. Sylvia Reed Curran for reasons 1. 4 (B) and (D).

1. (C) SUMMARY: According to expatriate sources in Ashgabat, a yacht that recently set sail on the Caspian Sea -- reportedly worth 60 million AT FACE VALUE, TURKMENISTAN HAS A NEW YACHT
2. (U) The top story in the October 1 edition of official Russian-language newspaper "Neytralniy Turkmenistan" announced the acquisition of a HOWEVER, ONE EXPAT LOST EMPLOYEES TO THIS YACHT...
3. (C) According to XXXXXXXXXXXX, Turkmenistan permanently took several of his employees to serve as crew on the presidential yacht. XXXXXXXXX ASHGABAT 00001399 002 OF 003 which Mutdikov accepted. After XXXXXXXXXXXX successfully made amends with Mutdikov, the government flew the three former GAC employees to either
4. (C) XXXXXXXXXXXX said that personnel on board the presidential yacht must be ethnic Turkmen, and the professionals must have internationall
5. (C) XXXXXXXXXXXX said the Turkish company TACO built the ship bay for the presidential yacht, located by the presidential palace in Turkmer ...AND, ACCORDING TO ANOTHER: YACHT WAS A GIFT FROM THE COMPANY ITERA
6. (C) XXXXXXXXXXXX said in a meeting XXXXXXXXXXXX that this yacht worth 60 million euros was a gift of Russian firm Itera. He added that the ITERA'S ACTIVITIES IN TURKMENISTAN IN 2008
7. (U) According to various open source reports, Itera officials have frequently met with President Berdimuhamedov since the end of 2007: -- On December 27, Itera Holdings Chairman of the Board Igor Makarov and Berdimuhamedov discussed projects such as development of oil and gas f -- At a meeting on February 18, the president said that Itera has proven itself as one of Turkmenistan's "old and reliable partners." Makarov s -- A delegation of Itera's top management held talks with Turkmen officials on March 9 to discuss a production sharing agreement for three bloc ASHGABAT 00001399 003 OF 003 -- In April, Itera CEO Vladimir Makeyev announced that the company, within the framework of the Zarit joint venture, expected to sign a product -- On June 11 in Ashgabat, Makarov gave the president a report on construction of a hotel in Avaza, a stadium in Turkmenabat, and progress on t -- The official Turkmen television news program Watan showed Makarov visiting President Berdimuhamedov at the guesthouse in Kazan where Berdimu -- On August 16, MRK Energy DMSS, an Emirati-based subsidiary of Itera, announced the sale of 400 Russian-made UAZ39629-016 ambulances worth \$8 -- On the day of the ship's introduction -- September 29 --Berdimuhamedov discussed the construction of a carbamide plant and a spa, as well as "NOTHING IS FREE IN THIS COUNTRY"
8. (C) COMMENT: Itera has a deal to build a urea/ammonia plant, and also an \$8 million deal for ambulances, but there are most likely other de